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In re application of

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For: ENGAGEMENT DETECTING STRUCTURE IN CONNECTOR

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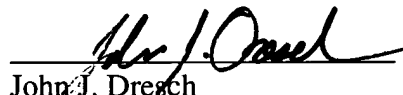
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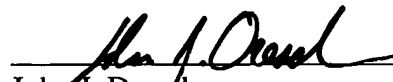
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